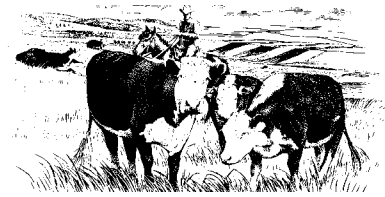


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003, but 4 percent below February 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.65 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 362 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 466 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 576 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 342 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 94.0 thousand during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 500 thousand head on February 1, 2004, 2 percent below last month, but 4 percent above February 2003. During January, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 5 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 10 percent below January of 2003. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	289	293	101	29	32	24	26
California 2/	495	510	103	58	55	67	60
Colorado	1,020	1,040	102	225	165	205	160
Idaho 2/	300	300	100	56	41	65	64
Iowa 2/ 3/	395	370	94	69	59	72	47
Kansas	2,200	2,430	110	540	455	500	440
Nebraska	2,140	2,280	107	480	380	390	360
New Mexico	119	115	97	9	17	13	13
Oklahoma 2/ 3/ 4/	335	355	106	46	50	49	53
South Dakota 2/ 3/ 4/	215	200	93	46	30	45	29
Texas	2,630	2,830	108	420	390	435	430
Washington	185	200	108	36	26	39	40
Other States	335	330	99	75	46	68	60
UNITED STATES 3/ 4/	10,658	11,253	106	2,089	1,746	1,972	1,782
State	Other Disappearance During January 4/			Number On Feed February 1 1/		2004/2003	
	2003	2004		2003	2004		
	1,000 Head						Percent
Arizona	3	3		291	296		102
California 6/	6	5		480	500		104
Colorado	10	5		1,030	1,040		101
Idaho 6/	1	2		290	275		95
Iowa 6/	2	2		390	380		97
Kansas	20	25		2,220	2,420		109
Nebraska	10	20		2,220	2,280		103
New Mexico	1	2		114	117		103
Oklahoma	2	2		330	350		106
South Dakota	1	1		215	200		93
Texas	15	20		2,600	2,770		107
Washington	2	1		180	185		103
Other States	2	6		340	310		91
UNITED STATES 6/	75	94		10,700	11,123		104

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Revised data for the "Number On Feed January 1."

3/ Revised data for the number of head "Marketed During January 2003."

4/ Revised data for the number of head "Placed During January 2003."

5/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

6/ Revised data for the "Number On Feed February 1, 2003."

CALIFORNIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California totaled 5.20 million head as of January 1, 2004, down 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows with a total of 720 thousand head decreased 3 percent, while milk cows increased 2 percent to 1.70 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.03 million head, down 6 percent from the previous year and comprised the following: heifers for beef cow replacement were down 4 percent, heifers for milk cow replacement were down 8 percent, and other heifers remained the same as the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 640 thousand, up 4 percent from last year, while bulls in the same weight category totaled 65.0 thousand head, the same as the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.05 million, were 2 percent below a year ago.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1

State	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	840	850	101
California	5,250	5,200	99
Colorado	2,650	2,400	91
Idaho	2,000	2,010	101
Iowa	3,550	3,450	97
Kansas	6,350	6,650	105
Nebraska	6,200	6,250	101
New Mexico	1,550	1,510	97
Oklahoma	5,400	5,100	94
South Dakota	3,700	3,650	99
Texas	14,000	13,900	99
Washington	1,100	1,120	102
UNITED STATES	96,100	94,882	99

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 94.9 million head as of January 1, 2004, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

- Beef cows, at 32.86 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2003.
- Milk cows, at 8.99 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2003.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2004, and the changes from January 1, 2003 are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds or more, 19.3 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.52 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.02 million, down 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.80 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, 16.3 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more, 2.21 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, 15.2 million, down 2 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.8 million, up 4 percent.
- Combined total of calves less than 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers weighing more than 500 pounds outside of feedlots, 27.5 million, down 4 percent.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2003 calf crop was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2003-04 1/

Class	California			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	5,250	5,200	99	96,100	94,882	99	13,488	14,660	109
All Cows:	2,410	2,420	100	42,125	41,851	99	5,817	6,098	105
Beef	740	720	97	32,983	32,860	100	4,752	5,021	106
Milk	1,670	1,700	102	9,142	8,991	98	1,065	1,077	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,090	1,025	94	19,628	19,341	99	1,940	2,088	108
Beef Replacement	130	125	96	5,624	5,517	98	648	706	109
Expect to Calve 4/	---	---	---	3,548	3,492	98	---	---	---
Milk Replacement	790	730	92	4,114	4,020	98	512	520	102
Expect to Calve 4/	---	---	---	2,877	2,761	96	---	---	---
Other Heifers	170	170	100	9,891	9,804	99	780	862	111
Steers 500 Lbs. +	615	640	104	16,554	16,280	98	1,178	1,228	104
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	65	65	100	2,248	2,206	98	240	270	113
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	1,070	1,050	98	15,545	15,204	98	4,312	4,975	115
Calf Crop	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	2,040	2,050	100	38,224	37,903	99	5,711	5,773	101

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

4/ Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES ^{1/}

Year	Per Animal Unit ^{2/}	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30

^{1/} The average rates are estimates (rates over \$10.00 are rounded to the nearest dime) based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Agricultural Survey.

^{2/} Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).



FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2003	December 2003	Jan. 15, 2004	January 2003	December 2003	Jan. 15, 2004
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	98.00	86.00	88.00	91.40	81.30	79.30
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	99.00	89.00	89.00	98.50	87.90	83.60
Hogs ^{2/ 3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	33.00	34.20	35.70
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	35.00	46.00	43.50	36.90	49.40	45.80
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	77.50	94.50	80.00	77.80	95.70	81.20
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	92.00	109.00	110.00	96.80	112.00	105.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	37.00	42.50	---	41.30	44.40	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	82.00	87.00	---	92.00	98.40	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	1,380.00	---	1,350.00	1,380.00	---	1,390.00
Milk Whsle. ^{2/}	Cwt.	10.70	12.00	11.70	11.70	13.70	13.10

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California on January 1, 2004 totaled 680 thousand head, down 7 percent from last year's level of 730 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 325 thousand head, 7 percent less a year ago. Ewe numbers totaled 275 thousand head, 5 percent less than a year ago. The 2003 lamb crop was estimated at 260 thousand head, 7 percent below the 2002 lamb crop. The 2003 and 2002 lambing rates remained the same, with 90 per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on hand January 1, 2003 and 2002.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 355 thousand head, 7 percent below January 1, 2003. Market lambs comprised 97 percent of the total. Forty-one percent were less than 65 pounds, 20 percent were 65-84 pounds, 27 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 10 percent were more than 105 pounds.

U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The U.S. inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 6.09 million head on January 1, 2004, down 3 percent from 2003 and 9 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended downward since peaking with 56.2 million head in 1942.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.48 million head on January 1, 2004, down 4 percent from 4.66 million head on January 1, 2003. Ewes one-year-old and older, at 3.60 million head, were 4 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.61 million head on January 1, 2004, down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-seven percent were lambs less than 65 pounds, 16 percent were 65-84 pounds, 23 percent 85-105 pounds, 30 percent were more than 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.

The 2003 lamb crop of 4.12 million head was down 5 percent from 2002 and established a new record low. The 2003 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on January 1, 2003, unchanged from 2002.

JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs ^{1/}		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	115	114	99	57	57	58	57
California	730	680	93	350	325	380	355
Colorado	380	360	95	185	170	195	190
Idaho	260	260	100	225	225	35	35
Iowa	255	250	98	175	180	80	70
Kansas	90	100	111	56	64	34	36
Minnesota	145	140	97	105	100	40	40
Montana	310	300	97	280	280	30	20
New Mexico	175	160	91	140	133	35	27
North Dakota	115	97	84	84	71	31	26
Ohio	150	140	93	125	119	25	21
Oregon	235	215	91	157	145	78	70
South Dakota	380	370	97	315	290	65	80
Texas	1,040	1,100	106	820	840	220	260
Utah	310	265	85	280	235	30	30
Wyoming	460	430	93	360	340	100	90
Other States ^{2/}	180	195	108	145	157	35	38
U.S. TOTAL	6,300	6,090	97	4,658	4,480	1,642	1,610

^{1/} Includes ewes and rams one year old and older, and replacement lambs.

^{2/} Includes AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, KY, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NC, SC, and TN.

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2003 was 3.50 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2002. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 500 thousand head, 2 percent below the previous year.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2003 was \$0.79 per pound for a total value of \$2.77 million, up 71 percent from \$1.62 million in 2002.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value ^{1/}	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	510	500	7.1	7.0	3,600	3,500	0.45	0.79	1,620	2,765
Colorado	460	360	6.7	7.2	3,070	2,580	0.57	0.74	1,750	1,909
Iowa	220	240	5.9	5.7	1,300	1,360	0.18	0.29	234	394
Montana	289	272	9.6	9.5	2,788	2,597	0.76	1.03	2,119	2,675
New Mexico	175	160	8.1	7.8	1,410	1,240	0.80	1.10	1,128	1,364
Oregon	200	178	6.3	6.8	1,250	1,210	0.38	0.58	475	702
South Dakota	375	330	8.3	8.0	3,105	2,625	0.45	0.76	1,397	1,995
Texas	850	800	7.0	7.0	5,950	5,600	0.68	0.90	4,046	5,040
Utah	280	240	9.5	9.3	2,650	2,230	0.60	0.80	1,590	1,784
Wyoming	420	390	8.9	9.4	3,750	3,650	0.73	1.10	2,738	4,015
UNITED STATES	5,476	5,057	7.5	7.5	41,322	38,114	0.53	0.72	21,876	27,408

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2004 totaled 120.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month and January 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,275 pounds; calves 215 pounds; and hogs 241 pounds.

U.S. PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD MONTHLY HIGH FOR JANUARY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in January, down 9 percent from the 4.07 billion pounds produced in January 2003.

January 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays, while January 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 16 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 14 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 1,249 pounds, down 19 pounds from January a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 10 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79.0 thousand head, down 16 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 18 pounds from January a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, slightly above January 2003. The average live weight was 269 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

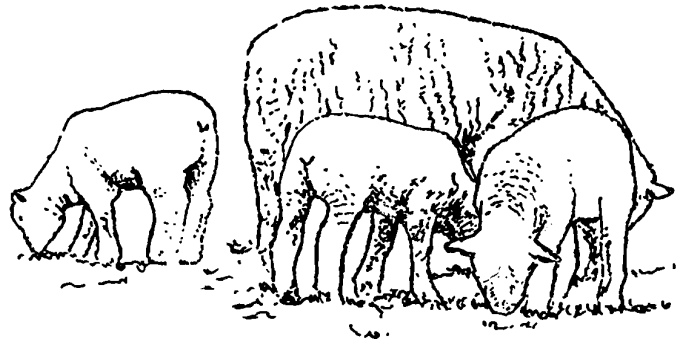
Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 3 percent from January 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 219.2 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2003-04 ^{1/}

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	119.2	111.1	151,852	141,630	1,274	1,275
U.S.	3,007.0	2,571.0	3,814,305	3,210,574	1,268	1,249
CALVES						
California	12.6	8.8	1,575	1,901	125	215
U.S.	93.7	79.0	29,764	26,541	318	336
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	238.8	219.2	31,856	30,833	133	141
HOGS						
California	215.5	227.0	51,091	54,619	237	241
U.S.	8,785.5	8,785.7	2,352,762	2,362,374	268	269
RED MEAT	January 2003	December 2003 ^{2/}	January 2004	Jan. 04 Jan. 03	Jan. 04 Dec. 03	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	123.7	123.7	120.8	98	98	
U.S.	4,073.4	3,875.9	3,713.1	91	96	

^{1/} Farm slaughter excluded.

^{2/} Revised U.S. total.



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